

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503-5100

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Medical Services
ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

1. Purpose. To establish local policy and prescribe procedures concerning the possession and control of pets as well as measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel and animals at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
2. Applicability. This regulation pertains to owners of all pets maintained within the confines of Fort Sill. The privilege of residing in government quarters on Fort Sill is dependent on the owner's ability to control and care for his/her pet in a manner that is harmonious to the community. The Director, Engineering and Housing (DEH) may terminate the pet owner's privilege to reside in government quarters when the owner fails to comply with this regulation.
3. Disciplinary Authority.
 - a. Military offenders of this regulation are subject to prosecution under the UCMJ, particularly Article 92 (1).
 - b. Military and civilian offenders of this regulation are subject to prosecution before a United States Magistrate under Title 21, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1685; Title 22, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 115; and Chapter 5, Article I (specifically, 5-114, 115, and 122), Lawton Municipal Ordinances.
 - c. No person shall abuse, mistreat, or neglect a pet. Charges of abuse, mistreatment, and neglect will be investigated by the Provost Marshal with the assistance of the Deputy Commander for Veterinary Service. Willful inhumane treatment, such as mutilation or killing of domestic animals, is a violation of Oklahoma Statutes, Federal Statutes, and this regulation pursuant to the UCMJ. Additionally, a pet that is inhumanely treated by its owner may be impounded and disposed of as directed by the Deputy Commander for Veterinary Services (DCVS). Pet owners may also be removed from government quarters for violation of this regulation.
4. Appeals. Requests for exceptions to the provisions of this regulation and appeals to actions taken or proposed under those provisions will be made in writing with complete justification to the DEH.
5. Limitations. For "seeing eye dogs" and other dogs assisting handicapped individuals, an exception will be made for the restricted areas listed below as authorized by Congress (Title 40, United States Code, Section 291, allows "seeing eye dogs" to go anywhere their owners are authorized, so long as they are under control). The military working dogs are also exempt from these limitations when on official business.
 - a. Sylvan pets, i.e., skunks, raccoons, etc., and exotic animals such as monkeys and wild animals normally restricted to zoo-type confinement will not be maintained on this installation; this includes all poisonous snakes. Those animals kept at the Conservation Education Center (CEC) at White Wolf Crossing are exempt. Additionally, due to inability to establish safe quarantine guidelines for bite cases, ferrets are also prohibited on this installation.
 - b. Livestock (domestic farm animals including poultry) are not allowed to be maintained on the installation as privately owned animals. This paragraph does not apply to horses or unit mascots.
 - c. On post residents are limited to ownership or maintenance of three pets (caged birds, caged small animals, and fish excluded) in one family housing unit.

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d. Personnel living in barracks or other troop unit facilities will adhere to their unit commanders' policies in keeping pets in their living quarters. A unit mascot may be kept in an appropriate facility outside the living quarters upon approval of the Deputy Garrison Commander and subject to the conditions established by the Deputy Commander for Veterinary Services.

e. Animals are not permitted at guest house facilities, tennis courts, golf courses, swimming pool enclosures, playgrounds, or baseball fields. In addition, animals will be controlled so as not to interfere with official reviews, ceremonies, or parades.

f. Animals are not permitted in public buildings except for those facilities designed for their use or care.

g. Animals may not be bred for commercial purposes on this post. Litters of pets will be registered or disposed of before 120 days of age.

h. Pets will not be left unattended in a motor vehicle for prolonged periods of time, particularly in warm weather.

6. Responsibilities.

a. DEH.

(1) Report of animal bite.

(a) DEH will send out warning letters to all owners of pets who have been involved in bite incidents.

(b) DEH will send out pet removal letters to all owners of pets who have been involved in second bite incidents.

(2) Failure to control pet(s).

(a) A Military Policy Report will be sent out on all first time offenders for failure to control pet incidents. Copies of this report are sent to the individual's commander.

(b) DEH will send out a warning letter to all second time offenders.

(c) The DEH will send out a pet removal letter for a third incident of failure to control pet.

(3) The DCVS will maintain records of all strays and bite cases and inform DEH of the need for removal letters. The DCVS will recommend to DEH the termination of government quarters for those post residents unable to comply with the above sanctions.

b. Housing Division is responsible for informing each military sponsor occupying government quarters of this regulation and will impose all sanctions and take all necessary actions to terminate a post resident's privilege to occupy government quarters.

c. The Provost Marshal is responsible for enforcing pet control on Fort Sill through the application of selective enforcement measures. These measures may include but are not limited to citations for failure to control, capture of strays, and removal of pets from quarters in cases of animal abuse.

d. Pet Owners.

(1) Pets will be kept indoors or maintained in a fenced area outside quarters. Pet owners are responsible for assuring that fenced areas are of adequate size to accommodate their pets. Occupants of family quarters desiring to erect pet enclosures and/or outdoor shelters for their pets are required to submit their requests to the Housing Division, ATTN: Programs & Operations Section, for approval.

(2) Owners will leash dogs when exercising them off the owner's premises, except in open areas away from government quarters. Dogs off leash in open areas must be under voice control, responding immediately to vocal commands.

(3) Owners will provide sufficient wholesome food and water, veterinary care to prevent suffering, and humane care. Pet owners are responsible for obtaining veterinary care off post for those conditions for which care is not available or authorized.

(4) Pets shall be provided proper shelter from the weather when housed outdoors. Pets fenced in sunny areas will have a roof or foliage that provides continuous shade, and water will always be available.

(5) All dogs and cats maintained in government quarters (except caged small animals, caged birds, and fish) will be registered with the Animal Disease Prevention and Control Facility (ADPAC) within 14 days of arrival or acquisition. Written certification of rabies vaccination is required and must be presented at the time of registration. A new rabies vaccination tag and certificate will be issued at time of registration. The rabies tag should be worn whenever the pet is outside the owner's quarters.

(6) Change of ownership. In the event that a pet registered on post is transferred to another on-post resident, it is required that the animal be reregistered within 14 days.

(7) Pet animals of guests of military personnel on this post are not required to be registered, but are the responsibility of the guest's sponsor. The sponsor shall ensure that the animal does not present a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on post.

(8) Pet owners are responsible to find new homes for their pets when they can no longer keep them. Pets may be taken to the ADPAC for adoption. All boarding and vaccination fees must be paid in advance. Pets not adopted out of the ADPAC within 3 working days will be disposed of at the discretion of the ADPAC OIC.

(9) Pet owners are encouraged to clear through the ADPAC and obtain the health records of their pets upon departing Fort Sill.

7. Public Nuisance and Vicious Animals.

a. Public nuisance animals--

- (1) Molest passersby or passing vehicles.
- (2) Attack people or animals.
- (3) Trespass on school grounds.
- (4) Are repeatedly at large (i.e., three or more offenses).
- (5) Damage private or public property.
- (6) Bark, whine, or howl in an excessive, continuous, or untimely manner.

b. Vicious animal. Any animal whose conduct or temperament reasonably constitutes a foreseeable physical threat, such as an animal impounded two or more times for reported bites.

c. Control measures. In the case of an animal running loose and involved in an unprovoked attack, assault, or bite, the animal may be immediately declared a public nuisance by the Deputy Garrison Commander or his designee and ordered removed from the post. Moreover, at any time and under appropriate circumstances, an animal may be declared vicious or a public nuisance by the Deputy Garrison Commander or his designee, whereupon the owner will be required to remove the animal from the installation immediately or as otherwise directed.

8. Immunizations.

a. Dogs. It is required that all dogs will be immunized for rabies according to the following schedule:

(1) Initial immunization begins at 3 months of age.

(2) Reimmunization at 1 year of age and annually thereafter.

(3) It is required that all dogs be immunized for canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parvovirus. Protection against these diseases is available in one vaccination.

(4) Testing for heartworms is strongly recommended based on known occurrences of heartworm disease in this area.

b. Cats. It is required that all cats will be immunized for rabies according to the following schedule:

(1) Initial immunization begins at 3 months of age.

(2) Reimmunization at 1 year of age and annually thereafter.

(3) It is required that all cats be immunized for feline distemper, calicivirus, and rhinotracheitis viral infections.

(4) Immunization against feline leukemia is available and highly recommended.

c. No animals other than dogs, cats, and horses will receive immunizations for rabies.

9. Loose or Stray Animals.

a. The military police will capture any animal found or reported running loose on the installation. The animal will be turned over to the ADPAC for disposition. Every reasonable effort will be made to identify strays and contact the owners. Unidentifiable strays will be retained at the ADPAC for 3 working days and then disposed of at the discretion of the ADPAC OIC. Natural Resources Branch personnel will eliminate feral dogs and cats found on the range which cannot be captured and present a danger to wildlife.

b. The owner of a stay may obtain the release of his or her animal by paying fees incurred for maintenance, registration, and immunization of said animal. Failure to pick up an animal will not exempt the owner from paying such fees.

c. Animals will be vaccinated at the owner's expense in accordance with this regulation upon release of the animal from impoundment unless proof of previous vaccinations are presented at the time of release.

d. Individuals interested in adopting or retrieving a lost pet may examine the impounded animals during normal duty hours by coming to the ADPAC facility. Military identification is required for all adoptions.

10. Animal Bite Control.

a. All animal bites/scratches to humans are considered emergency cases and will be treated at the Emergency Room of Reynolds Army Community Hospital. The attending physician will assure that a bite report is initiated.

b. Animals biting or scratching humans will be quarantined as directed by the OIC, ADPAC facility. Such animals will not be destroyed, given away, sold, or otherwise disposed of by the owner until completion of the quarantine period.

c. Quarantine will occur within the ADPAC, A private veterinary establishment, or within the owner's quarters at the discretion of the OIC, ADPAC facility. Quarantine of animals where the bite occurs off post will be in accordance with local ordinances, i.e., all bites occurring in Lawton will be quarantined in a veterinary facility, home quarantine being forbidden.

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d. Failure to comply with the terms of a home quarantine will result in the animal being apprehended and quarantined at the ADPAC.

e. Wild or exotic animals will be euthanized and the head submitted by the ADPAC for laboratory testing for rabies.

11. Horses.

a. Horses residing on Fort Sill will undergo quarantine in appropriate quarantine facilities for a length of time to be determined by the Deputy commander for Veterinary Services. Quarantine measures will not be less than those required by the State of Oklahoma. Proof of vaccinations and Coggins tests are required.

b. Annual vaccinations and Coggins tests are required. Vaccinations will be in accordance with guidelines provided by the Deputy Commander for Veterinary Services.

12. Reference. AR 40-905.

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